

Workshop. About 685 pallas of new strains of ragi were distributed through the seed farms. Seven new areca driers were constructed during the year bringing the total number to 25. The Departmental Depots were popular and sold seeds and implements worth Rs. 1,17,805 as against Rs. 58,640 during 1931-32. Private estates were also inspected in connection with electrical pumping installations which are reported to be gradually increasing. Co-operative marketing of selection 69 cotton seed developed and cotton in pressed bales and seed was sold to the value of Rs. 27,225. Articles worth Rs. 19,718 were sold to Village Panchayets and Co-operative Societies.

A new circle with Mandya as Headquarters was created and placed under the charge of an Assistant Director of Agriculture for the purpose of inducing raiyats to cultivate sugar-cane and undertaking sugar-cane cultivation on Government land in the Irwin Canal area for supply to the Sugar Factory at Mandya. This is an important development tending to the expansion of sugar-cane cultivation in the Irwin Canal tract.

The following table shows the progress achieved in this respect up to the end of the year:—

Area of Government land planted	..	886 acres.
Area of raiyats' land planted	..	2,047 "
Cash advances made	..	Rs. 24,521—0—0
Implements supplied	..	" 10,070—12—0
Manures supplied	..	" 63,013—9—0

The scheme of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, *re* enquiry into the cost of cultivation of crops in the principal sugar-cane and cotton tracts in India, was started in the State during the year. Six villages have been taken up for this work in typical areas.

Financial.—A sum of Rs. 717 was collected towards oil cake arrears and Rs. 513 were written off leaving a balance of Rs. 5,808 still to be collected.

The work of the Department was on the whole quite satisfactory.

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Working of the Railway Department.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. R. S. 1058, dated 20th November 1933, from the Secretary to the Government of Mysore for Railways, submitting the Administration Report of the Railway Department for the year 1932-33.

ORDER NO. G. 4610-70—G. M. 92-33-3, DATED, BANGALORE,
THE 8TH JANUARY 1934.

Recorded.

Administrative Changes.—Khan Bahadur Mr. Abdul Aziz Khan continued to be in charge of the Department as Agent and Secretary to Government in the Railway Department in addition to his own duties as Traffic Manager, except from 26th October 1932 to 14th March 1933, when Mr. A. C. Rendell, Loco and Carriage Superintendent, acted as Agent and Railway Secretary.

Open Lines.—The total mileage of open lines worked by the M. & S. M. Railway Company and by the State was 722.79 miles with the capital at charge amounting to Rs. 595.16 lakhs, inclusive of an outlay of Rs. 6.33 lakhs during the year under report. The extension beyond Arasalu of the Shimoga-Arasalu Railway for a distance of 9.66 miles up to Anandapuram was in progress.

Lines worked by the M. & S. M. Railway Company.—There was no change in the length of the Mysore State lines worked by the M. & S. M. Railway Company, which was 271.56 miles, of which 9.88 miles were Broad Gauge and 261.68 miles Metre Gauge. The gross earnings during the year amounted to Rs. 42.03 lakhs and

after deducting working expenses, guaranteed interest, etc., therefrom, the net receipts were Rs. 10'92 lakhs against Rs. 12'29 lakhs during the previous year.

Lines worked by the State.—The length of the lines worked by the State was the same as in the previous year, viz., 450'73 miles. The gross earnings during the year amounted to Rs. 31'49 lakhs as compared with Rs. 31'27 lakhs in the year previous.

Expenses.—The ordinary working expenses of the year amounted to Rs. 21'35 lakhs as against Rs. 21'52 lakhs in the previous year, with a decrease of '17 lakhs, the percentage to gross earnings falling from 68'82 to 67'79 during the year under report.

Stores.—The year opened with a balance of Rs. 4'97 lakhs and the issues inclusive of sales amounted to Rs. 10'64 lakhs, resulting in a closing balance of Rs. 4'16 lakhs at the end of the year.

Accidents.—The number of persons killed during the year on account of accidents was 7 and the number seriously injured was 9. There were 28 derailments and 32 engine failures.

General.—No new construction or surveys were taken up during the year due to financial difficulty. The issue of cheap return tickets on important occasions was continued; concession rates were also granted in connection with the exhibition at Mysore. A new pair of passenger trains were introduced between Shimoga Town and Birur. The scheme for remodelling and extending the Central Workshops at a cost of about Rs. 12 lakhs spread over four years with a view to afford increased facilities for coping with the present stock maintenance requirements was sanctioned by Government.

The members of the Local Advisory Committee showed considerable interest in their work and were helpful both to the Department and the public. The working of the Department continued to be satisfactory.

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GENERAL SECRETARIAT

School Board Assistants to grant exemptions from payment of re-admission fees in Primary Schools.

READ—

Government Order No. E. 760—Edn. 11-31-2, dated 14th August 1931, empowering the Assistant Inspectors of Education to grant exemption in deserving cases from the payment of re-admission fees of annas eight in the case of Primary Schools.

2. Rule 33 (as noted in the margin) of the Rules issued with Notification No. E. 1246—Edn.

Rule 33.—No tuition or admission fee shall be levied in any recognised Elementary School, but a re-admission fee of eight annas may be charged in the case of pupil whose name has been struck off the rolls for continued absence of one month without leave. Re-admission fees, if any, collected in Elementary Schools maintained by the Local Education Authority shall be credited to the Elementary Education Fund.

325-30-14, dated 29th September 1931, regarding levy of re-admission fee in recognised Elementary Schools.

3. Letter No. D. 2-1492-76 of 33-34, dated 15th November 1933, from the Director of Public Instruction, stating that the power to grant exemption from payment of re-admission fees delegated to the Assistant Inspectors in the first Government Order read above has not been delegated to them in their *ex-officio* capacity as School Board Assistants of the Ranges, in the Rules issued with the Notification dated 29th September 1931, read above, and requesting that this power may be formally delegated to the School Board Assistants as such and that the following addition may be made to the said Rule 33:—

“the School Board Assistants are however empowered to grant exemption in deserving cases from the payment of re-admission fees in Primary Schools.”

ORDER NO. E. 2032-33—EDN. 117-33-6, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 20TH DECEMBER 1933.

The proposal is approved.

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Secretary to Government,
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